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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:)
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on METHODS FOR INDUCING THE)
DIFFERENTIATION OF MONOCYTES INTO)
FUNCTIONAL DENDRITIC CELLS AND)
IMMUNOTHERAPEUTIC COMPOSITIONS)
INCLUDING SUCH DENDRITIC CELLS)
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Serial Number: 10/066,021)
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Filed On: January 31, 2002) (Docket No. 270425.0008)

Hartford, Connecticut, August 29, 2003

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 29, 2003, Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, Group I (claims 1-15 and 22) for initial prosecution on the merits.

Applicant respectfully submits that a restriction requirement between patentably distinct inventions is proper only when there is a serious burden on the Patent

Office to examine all of the claims in a single application even when it appears that appropriate reasons exist for a restriction requirement. M.P.E.P. §803. To avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicant and duplicative examination by the patent Office, Applicant respectfully requests that the above policy be applied in the present application because the subject matter of the pending claims is sufficiently related.

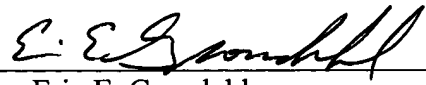
Group I is directed to methods for producing functional antigen presenting dendritic cells by inducing monocyte differentiation into dendritic cells and incubating the dendritic cells in the presence of apoptotic disease effector agents. Group II is directed to methods for producing functional antigen presenting dendritic cells by inducing monocyte differentiation into dendritic cells and incubating the dendritic cells in the presence of disease effector agents coated with monoclonal antibodies having a free Fc segment, wherein the disease effector agents may have been rendered apoptotic. Applicant believes that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one claim of the above-captioned patent application would overlap with a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims such that a search of the entire application can be made without serious burden. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

No fee is believed to be required in connection with this paper; however, if an additional fee is required, or otherwise if necessary to cover any deficiency in fees already paid, authorization is hereby given to charge our deposit account no. 50-1631.

If there are any questions, or if any additional material or information is required, please call the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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